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Applicant(s): Keiji NOBUHARA et al.					
Invention: IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS					
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## **AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

## **MS** Amendment

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## **INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated October 12, 2005, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 10 of this paper.